

## **"Coffee With A Ranger"**

Come for coffee or tea in the Booker t. Washington National Monument visitor center on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 to 11:00 a. m. and enjoy an informal conversation with Park Ranger, Janet Blanchard about the life of Booker T. Washington. Take a guided tour through the new "Born Here, Freed Here" interactive exhibit about Booker T. Washington's early life and learn how his experiences on the Virginia slave-holding tobacco plantation as an enslaved child helped shape his later philosophies on the importance of education.

If you have not seen the new interactive exhibit, this is your chance to see it with a ranger who will offer additional insights regarding its content. The exhibit will likely inspire more questions for you to bring to the conversation. Have you ever wondered what life was like for young Booker T. Washington as a slave child? How did his mother affect him as he was growing up in slavery? What do we know about the other enslaved people here at the farm? Recent research has uncovered more about the lives of enslaved people living here on this farm and the surrounding Hales Ford community during the 1850's and the Civil War.

Along with touring the exhibit, coffee and conversation, there will be copies of vintage photographs pertaining to Booker T. Washington's life and earlier days of the Booker T. Washington National Monument on display. Ask anything you have always wanted to know about Booker T. Washington! If the answer is not known, Ranger Blanchard will find out for you.

For more information, please contact Janet Blanchard at (540) 721-2094.